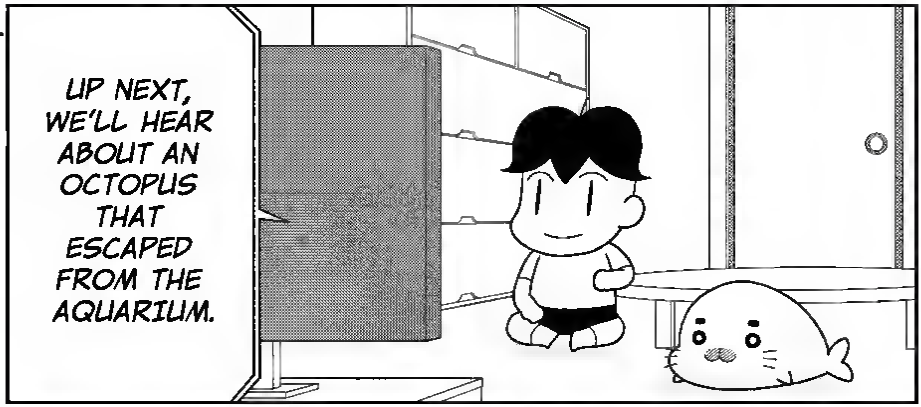
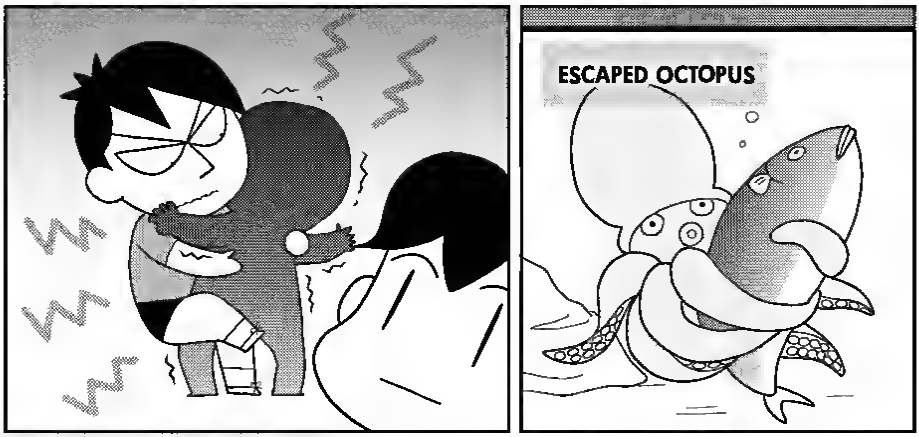
CHAPTER 7: ◎ SUGAO-KUN'S TEACHER

SUGAO-KUN HAS MOVED SO FAR AWAY.





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GOMA-CHAN

Go! Go! SHONEN ASHIBE

SMILE

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SOB
SOB
IT SEEMS HE'S NOT ADJUST-ING WELL HERE.
SOB...
IT SEEMS MONKEYS ARE HIS ONLY FRIENDS...
OH.
I FORGOT THAT HE HAS YET TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE HERE...
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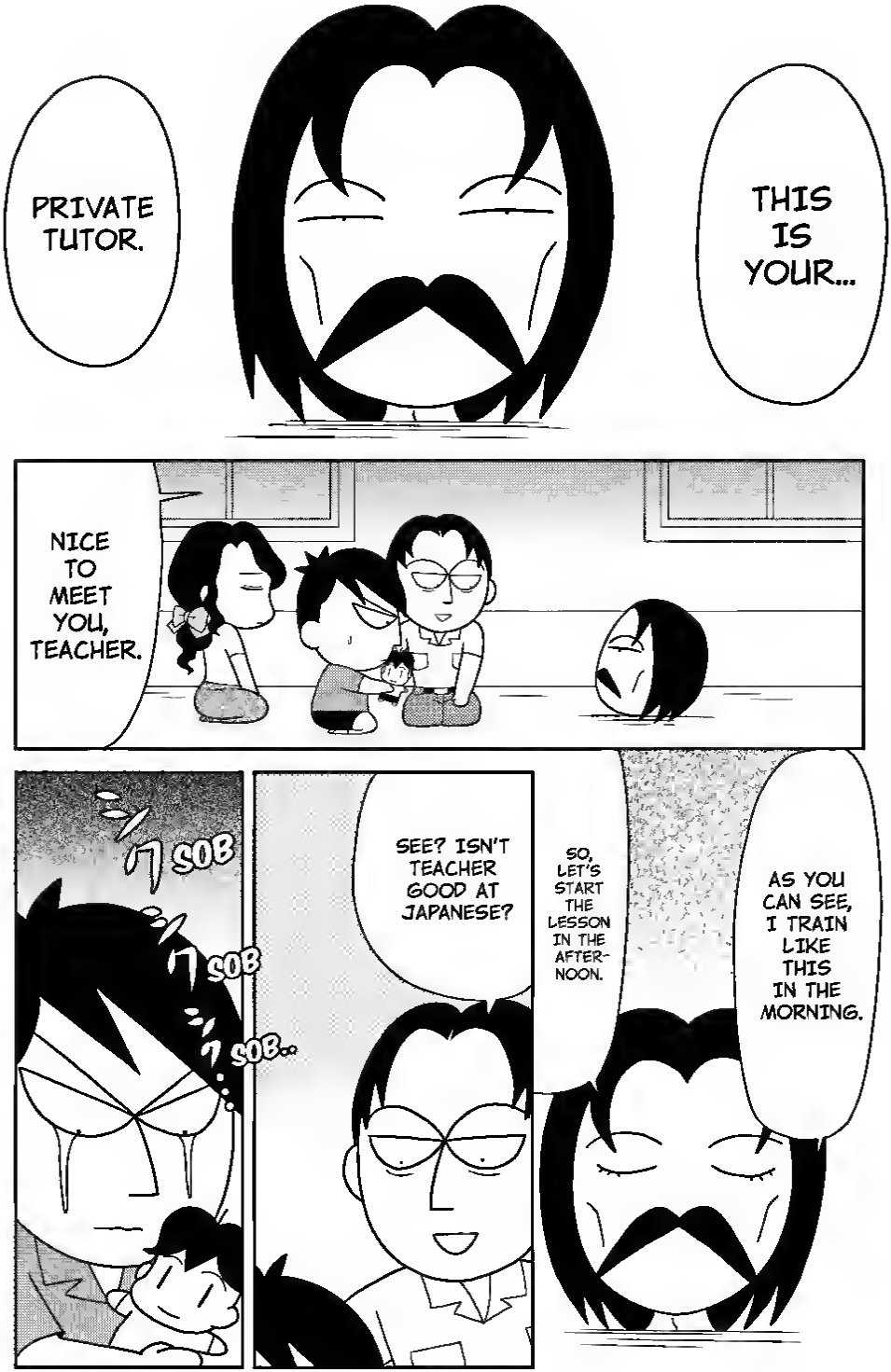
THERE-FORE,


PRIVATE TUTOR.
THIS IS YOUR...
NICE TO MEET YOU, TEACHER.
SOB
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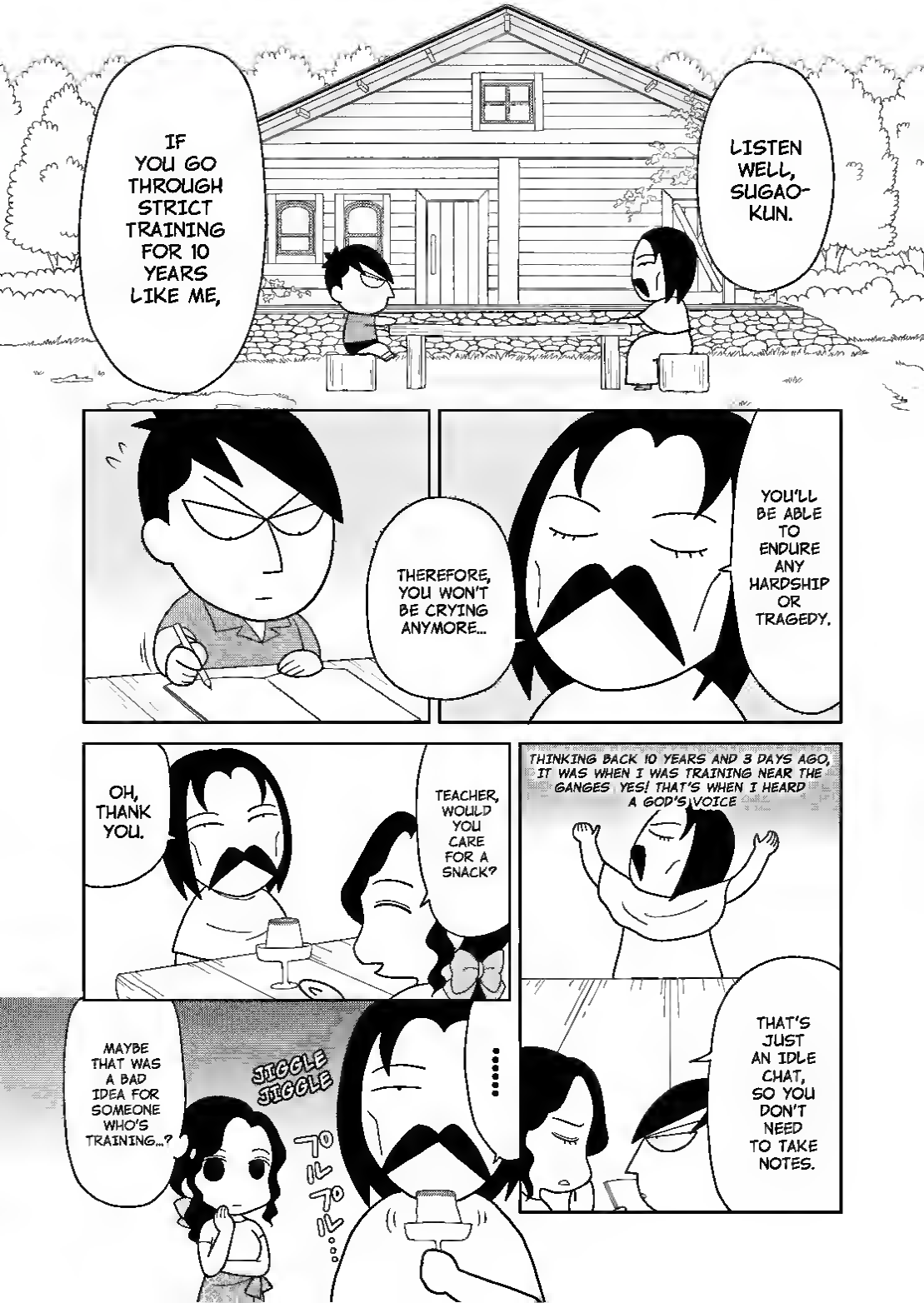
SOB...
SEE? ISN'T TEACHER GOOD AT JAPANESE?
SO, LET'S START THE LESSON IN THE AFTER-NOON.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I TRAIN LIKE THIS IN THE MORNING.


LISTEN WELL, SUGAO-KUN.
IF YOU GO THROUGH STRICT TRAINING FOR 10 YEARS LIKE ME,
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENDURE ANY HARDSHIP OR TRAGEDY.
THEREFORE, YOU WON'T BE CRYING ANYMORE...
THINKING BACK 10 YEARS AND 3 DAYS AGO, IT WAS WHEN I WAS TRAINING NEAR THE GANGES YES! THAT'S WHEN I HEARD A GOD'S VOICE
THAT'S JUST AN IDLE CHAT, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE NOTES.
TEACHER, WOULD YOU CARE FOR A SNACK?
OH, THANK YOU.
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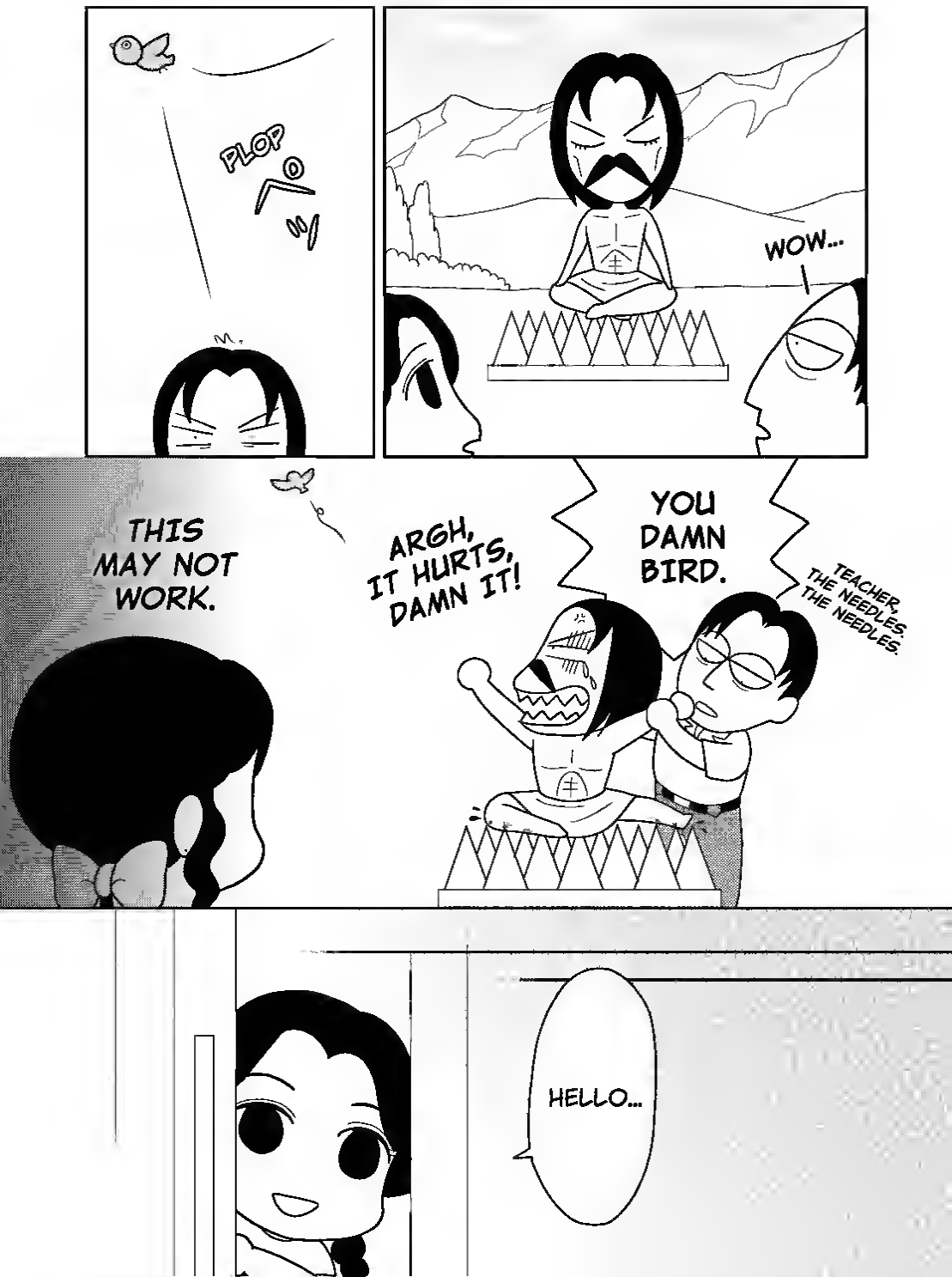
JIGGLE JIGGLE
MAYBE THAT WAS A BAD IDEA FOR SOMEONE WHO'S TRAINING...?

SWOOSH
P-PUDDING. I HAVEN'T HAD IT FOR 10 YEARS!
TO PROVE IT, I CAN SHOW YOU THE RESULT OF MY TRAINING.
IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
UHH...
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO ENTRUST OUR SON TO HIM...?


PLOP
WOW...
THIS MAY NOT WORK.
ARGH, IT HURTS, DAMN IT!
YOU DAMN BIRD.
TEACHER, THE NEEDLES. THE NEEDLES.
HELLO...

OH
HELLO, WELCOME.
SUGAO! IT'S CHIT-CHAN.
SMILE
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HE'S NOT MAD. HIS FACE JUST LOOKS LIKE THAT.
SNIFF SNIFF
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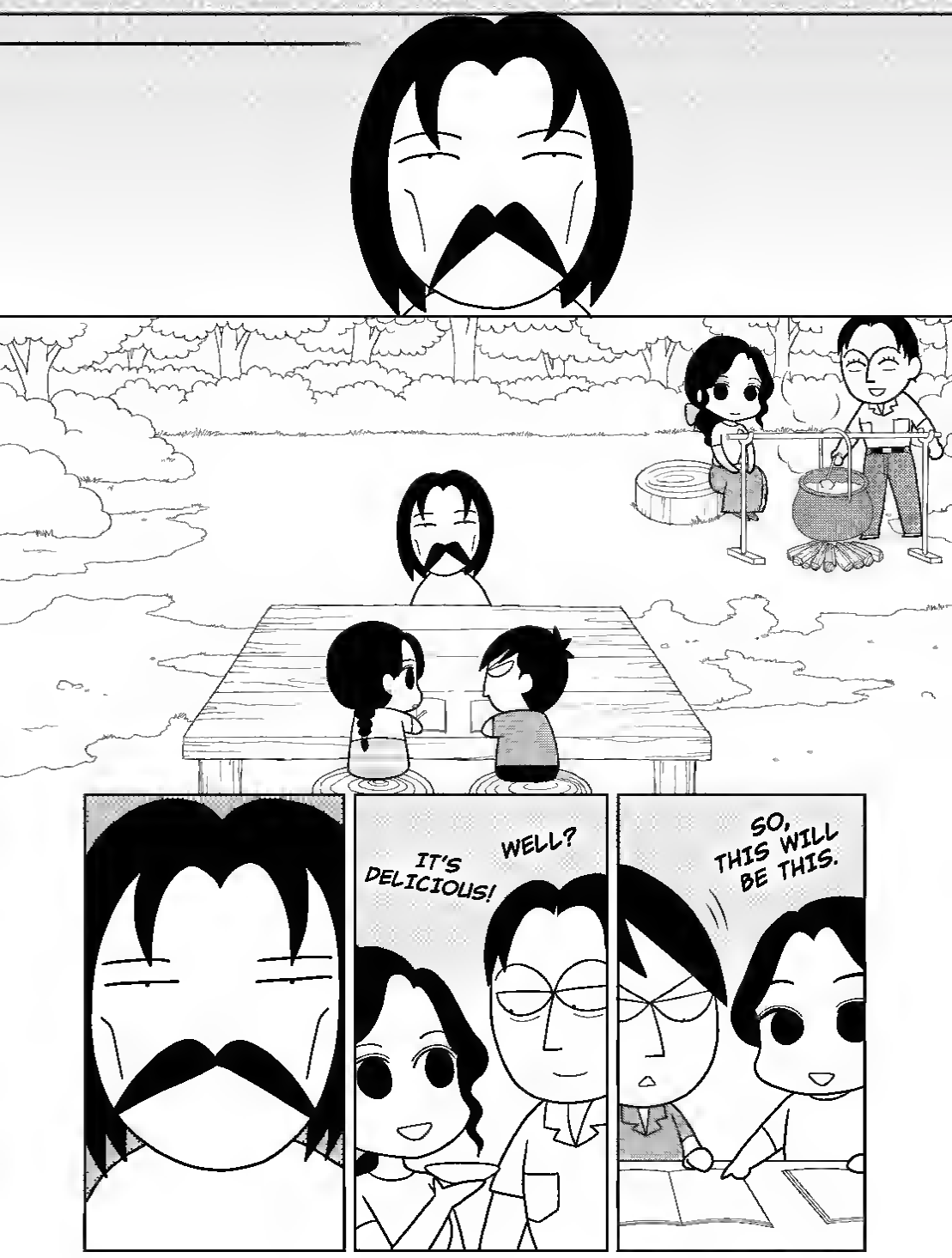
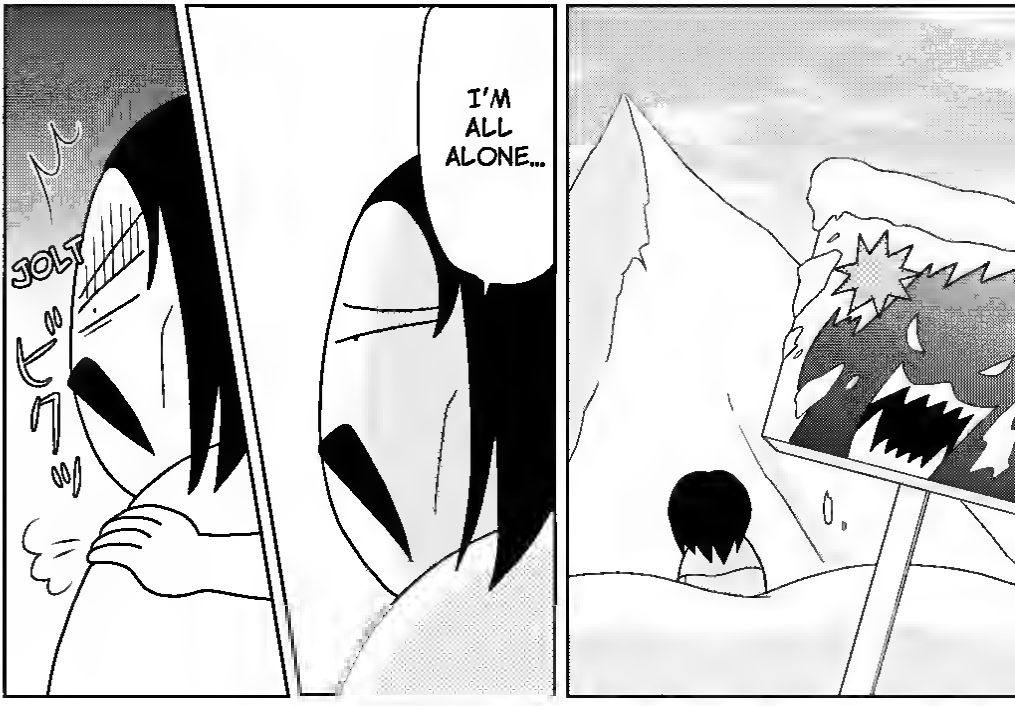
HELLO
IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?
AH.
DEAR, CAN I SPEAK TO YOU?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SUGAO'S BRIDE WHEN YOU GROW UP?
YOU'RE VERY PRETTY.
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME, WE STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO JAPAN, EVEN WHEN SUGAO IS AN ADULT?


WELL?
IT'S DELICIOUS!
SO, THIS WILL BE THIS.

I'M GOING HOME!
HUH? TEACHER?
SUGAO, SHARE YOUR COOKIES WITH CHIT-CHAN.
YOU'RE SHARING WITH EVERY-BODY? I'M PROUD OF YOU.

UGH...
SIGH...
SUGAO, SHARE SOME WITH TEACHER, TOO...
TEACHER!!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I'M ALL ALONE...

SUGAO-KUN...
SU...
WHOOM

YETI?!
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GYAAHH!!
SO, IT FOLLOWED US HOME.
OPEN WIDE
SUGAO!!
AAAH, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
DO NOT WORRY. LOOK.
ポイ…
THROW
HE'S SURROUNDED BY SO MANY FRIENDS.
HE WILL NO LONGER CRY ALONE.
TEACHER…!

END OF CHAPTER 7